Present situation in U.S.S.R.

486. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received full report of the present situation of the Government of USSR by now;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether relationship between the countries were affected due to certain changes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Political developments in the USSR are taking place at a rapid pace. Government are closely monitoring the changes. Regular & detailed reports are being received in this connection from our Embassay in Moscow. There is also extensive media coverage of these changes.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

आठवीं योजना के दौरान छोटे पत्तनों का विकास

487. **श्री अजीत जोगी**: क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान विभिन्न राज्यों में विकसित किए जाने वाले छोटे पत्तनों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) उन पर राज्य-वार कितनी-कितनी धनराशि व्यय किए जाने का प्रस्ताव है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (श्री जगदीश टाईटलर): (क) और (ख) लघु पत्तनों का विकास करना संबंधित राज्य सरकार की जिम्मेदारी है । इस समय केन्द्र सरकार के पास किसी लघु पत्तन का चयन करने अथवा विकास करने हेतु कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

Coastal Sea Service between Goa and Bombay

488. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from private parties to operate coastal sea service between Goa and Bombay;

(b) if so, what are the names of those parties; and

(c) what type of vessels they offered to operate on Konkan route?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The following companies had applied for permission to operate coastal sea service between Goa and Bombay:—

Sl.No.	Name of the Company	Type of vessel
1.	M/s Satya Giri Shipping Company	High-speed Catamaran
2.	M/s West Coast Hoverline (Pvt.) Limited. . .	Hovercraft
3.	M/s Binkam Shipping Seevices (Pvt.) Limited. . .	Catamaran
4.	M/s Great Eastern Shipping Company. . . .	Catamaran
5.	M/s Link on Sea Link Pvt., Limited. . . .	Catamaran